

Westminster United Church

Week of November 9th, 2025 – Announcements

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Sundays Scripture Reading:

Luke 6: 20-31 "Blessings & Woes"

Saskatchewan Pastoral Charges Held in Prayer:

We hold in prayer and extend our best wishes for a healthy ministry to the following: Bradwell: Knox, Beechy, Broadview Whitewood. **Remembrance Sunday**

Stewardship Second:

Isn't it amazing? God has created this universe and this world and given it all to us to care for. What an honour! What a privilege! What a joy to be able to further God's vision for creation!

Westminster Meetings & Services

Sun November 9th – 10:30 am Worship Service (**Remembrance Sunday**)
Celebration of Life Fern Stone – Mon. Nov 10th 1pm
Knitters Group – Tuesdays at 10 am

Other Church Events & Resources ✨

Please take a moment to check the bulletin board for upcoming events and resources happening in other churches within our community. It's a great opportunity to connect, fellowship, and grow together in faith

✨ **Nativity Faith Study** ✨

Join us for a **4-week Advent study** on the Nativity story, beginning **Wednesday, November 26 at 1:00 p.m.**

Together, we'll journey toward the manger, reflecting on the meaning and mystery of Christ's birth.

Schedule:

- **November 26 – Session 1:** *Approaching the Crèche*
- **December 3 – Session 2:** *Feel the Ground*
- **December 10 – Session 3:** *At the Edge of the Crèche*
- **December 17 – Session 4:** *Is Everybody Here?*

If you're interested in attending, please email da.reine@sasktel.net or call **Darrell** in the office.

All are welcome! Come and share in the spirit of Advent as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

*In faith and gratitude, we remember
Fern Ellen Stone — may she rest in
the everlasting peace of God's love.*



The Mitten Trees

It's getting colder and soon folks will need something warm to wear. In November, the Mitten Trees will be up ready for you to donate your homemade or purchased mitts, toques, scarves and socks. These generous donations are given to community organizations that help others keep warm. Please consider helping others in this season of cold weather



Westminster's Maker's Market **Thank YOU!**



A BIG Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at the Maker's Market. And a special thank you to Marci Brisbane for all her work in organizing this event. \$2400 in table rentals was raised for the general fund. 4 tables were rent free, 2 for the knitters and 2 for a young cancer patient selling art for cancer research. Thanks to those who came out to shop and support the vendors, the Anniversary Unit and the church!

Sunday Morning Readers - if you are interested in being a reader in church, please contact Linda D at ldodd@accesscomm.ca. This includes readings the scriptures and a Mission Story.

On November 23, we will have a transfer of membership from other United Churches into Westminster. If you are thinking about transferring your membership here, please contact Darrell asap

Adult Baptism/Confirmation - if you are an adult and wish to become a full member of the United Church of Canada, here is your opportunity. Either Saturday January 18 or 25, we will have a one full day course to get you there! Once we know who is available, we will chose a date that works for most. Some folks may be wondering why there is a course for baptism. There really isn't but if you want to be baptised, you might as well go all the way and do the confirmation course and have both done. Someone could choose to be only baptised and you do not need to have a course to do that. Email Darrell at da.reine@sasktel.net if you are interested or have questions.



Darrell's on Leave — Don't Panic!

Darrell will be away on leave from November 10 to November 17, returning to the office around 1pm November 18. The worship leader for November 16 is **Bev Diduck**.



"For pastoral emergencies, please contact **Dexter** at **306-789-1622**

Westminster United Church – Mistletoe Market

The **WUC Anniversary Unit** invites you to join us for our beloved **Mistletoe Market** on

 **Friday, November 29th**

 **11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

 **Fellowship Hall**

Mark your calendars and bring along your family and friends for this joyful **"Everything Christmas"** event! 🎅 🧑🏻

Holiday Highlights at WUC's Mistletoe Market!

• **Holiday Baking Trays** – Delicious homemade Christmas baking in small, medium, or large sizes — perfect for gifting or enjoying! 🎁

👉 Pre-book with **Darlene Woloshyn (306-533-0601)** – limited quantities!

• **Carlyle Christmas Cakes** 🍰

• **Palestine Olive Oils** 🌿

• **Homemade Baking Table** 🍪

• **2026 Church Calendars** 📅

• **Books, Puzzles, Jewelry & Collectibles** 💎

• **Local Christmas Crafts & Knitting** 🧶

• **Handmade Cards** 💌

• **Large Christmas Room** – filled with beautiful *almost new* décor! 🎄



Christmas Hamper Raffle!

Donations of cash or Christmas items welcome. Drop off in the **Narthex** on Sundays.

Free Admission!

Join us for festive fun, laughter, and holiday cheer at the **Mistletoe Market** — where Christmas spirit shines bright! ❤️

The ***Panel for Intersection of Faith, Advocacy and Public life*** was inspiring to all who attended – and if you missed it, the event was recorded and can be found on Westminster’s Facebook page (date Oct 23). Our panelists were Rev. Mark Wartman (clergy and politician), Rev. Bonnie Morton (advocate and clergy) and Rev. Peter Gilmer (Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry). The United Church has been active in the public arena since its earliest days and we continue to live out our faith in many ways of Daring Justice. We have been bold in areas of anti-racism, disabilities, economic justice, environmental, gender and sexuality, human rights, indigenous justice and many more.

An example of what we heard - Being involved with the people experiencing homelessness, or people with a disability facing a lack of funds and infrastructure, etc. helps in identifying the true needs, rather than perceived needs. The example was given of concerned outsiders believing the immediate need is housing, whereas people experiencing homelessness felt access to bathrooms was a more immediate need.

“You have a voice, use it – politicians listen”.

“Political action does not end by placing your x on a ballot – it should start there”. “Push me as a politician, so I am informed on the topic”

Peter cited many examples within our provincial social services where faith based organizations have made a difference.

What are the challenges for today and the future – the right-wing Christianity threatens advancements in social justices.

Listen to the recording – you will be proud of the church’s legacy and inspired at the same time!

Our thanks goes out to Mark Wartman, Bonnie Morton and Peter Gilmer for their participation in our last event in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

Join us November 10 at 12PM ET for hour-long webinar ***Ask Us Anything About: Investing in the Future!***

With all of the unique challenges facing church organizations today, making long-term investments may not seem like a reliable strategy. However, with guidance from the United Church of Canada Foundation, you can make the decision to create a stable, long-term portfolio a lot less daunting.

Join Alvina Siddiqui from our investment partner Fiera Capital and the Foundation’s Communications and Campaign Associate Jessica Smith and explore the the opportunities for investing within and alongside the Foundation, congregational endowment funds, planned giving, market forecasts and more at our webinar.

Whether you’re seeking to build long-term stability or sustain your mission work, strategic investment may be the right path. We can help you set clear goals, define meaningful objectives, and connect with trusted partners who understand the needs of United Church organizations.

Alvina Siddiqui, Investment Counsellor at Fiera Capital, provides personalized investment guidance to individuals, families, foundations, Indigenous communities, and faith-based groups. Her client-focused approach emphasizes trust, understanding, and exceptional service.

She also advises The Fiera Capital Foundation, ensuring its investments align with its mission and philanthropic vision..

Register Now! (

<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/upcoming-webinar-ask-investing/>)

Lumsden Beach Camp's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00 PM at Westminster United Church (3025 13th Avenue, Regina).

We invite all members of the LBC community, parents, campers, volunteers, and friends to join us as we reflect on the past year, celebrate our successes, and look ahead to another incredible summer at the lake.

Board nominations are now open!

If you're passionate about camp life, community, and creating meaningful summer experiences for youth, we encourage you to consider joining our Board of Directors. Your ideas, time, and enthusiasm make a difference!

Nomination form can be found here.

(<https://lumsdenbeachcamp.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=13a02b3c847aed48ffe227d46&id=234ad7cd1b&e=473b72d103>)

Please email nomination forms to: info@lumsdenbeachcamp.com

🔔 The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Campaign is Here!

The **Salvation Army Regina Community Church** invites you to join this year's **Christmas Kettle Campaign**, running **November 14 – December 24 (excluding Sundays)**. Your time and smile help raise vital funds that support individuals and families in our community all year long.

🕒 **Shifts:** 2-hour increments, Monday to Saturday

📍 **Locations:** 12 across Regina (Northgate Mall, Walmart, Superstore, Cornwall Centre, etc.)

🕒 **Hours:**

- Grocery Stores: 10 AM – 8 PM
- Malls: 10 AM – 6 PM (8 PM Thurs & Fri starting Nov 27)
- Cornwall Centre: 10 AM – 4 PM

Bring your Christmas spirit — festive sweaters encouraged! 🙌 To sign up, contact **Julie Luther** at Julie.Luther@salvationarmy.ca or **306-757-6405**.

Update from Global Partners: Supporting Cuba After Hurricane Melissa

An Update from Global Partners Amid Hurricane Melissa: As Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 storm at it strongest, moves through the Caribbean, we are hearing from Mission and Service partners in Cuba who are assessing needs in the hardest-hit communities in the eastern provinces. At least 900,000 people have been evacuated, and provisions for food, shelter, water, basic services, and psychosocial support are urgently needed.

Donations to the United Church's Global Emergency Response Fund will support Mission and Service partners in Cuba responding to Hurricane Melissa: <https://united-church.ca/donate/global-emergency-response>.

Deck the Halls – November 23

We will decorate the sanctuary for the festive season after worship. Grab a coffee/tea and come enjoy some fun.

